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In re Application of:) Attn: **APPLICATIONS BRANCH**
Y. CHANG et al)
Appln. No.: 10/656,875) Washington, D.C.
Filed: September 8, 2003) July 1, 2004
For: COMBINATORIAL FLUORESCENT)
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STYRIL SCAFFOLD)

REQUEST FOR RETENTION

Customer Window, Mail Stop
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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2011 South Clark Place
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Sir:

The present application, filed on September 8, 2003, is entitled to a filing date as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). The present application will become abandoned as per the express abandonment filed on even date herewith as part of a paper entitled, "Response in Parent Case in Support...". A continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), claiming benefit from the present application pursuant to 35 U.S.C §120, is being filed on even date herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the present application be retained pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(1)(iv), Applicant hereby pays the processing and retention fee and a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorizing payment in the amount of \$130.00 is attached so that a co-pending application may claim the benefit of the instant application. This payment is made during the pendency of the application as extended by the Response in Parent Case filed on even date herewith, and hence is timely under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

Accordingly, the present application should not be disposed of but maintained as an abandoned file referenced in the continuation application filed June 20, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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